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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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FOR RSO'S ALL POSTS, DEPT FOR SY

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SUBJ: COUNTER TERRORIST DEFENSES

1. THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR HAS A CONTINUING CONCERN RELATIVE TO THE RESPONSES PREPARED BY THE RSO'S FOR THEIR POSTS OF RESIDENCE AND CONSTITUENT POSTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE KUALA LUMPUR ASSAULT AND THE TELEGRAPHIC FOLLOWUP INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO THE FIELD BY THE UNDER-SECRETARY.

2. THE RSS IS CONVINCED THAT TIME IS OF A CRITICAL ESSENCE IN THIS SITUATION AND BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MISSIONS ARE REMAINING SENSITIVE TO THE EXISTING URGENCY. THEREFORE, THE PLANNING AS WELL AS THE MATERIAL AND COST ESTIMATES RELATING TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THE EARLIEST DATE. UNDOUBTEDLY SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND SECURITY OFFICERS MAY HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED FUNDING REQUESTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS ALONG WITH THE COST AND LABOR ESTIMATES

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DIRECT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT PROVIDING A COPY TO THE

RSS, EA. THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS FROM THIS OFFICE IF COPIES WERE NOT PROVIDED AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS ONLY TO INSURE THAT EACH POST HAS FORMULATED THEIR DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS AND HAS ADVISED THE REGIONAL BUREAU AND SY AS TO THEIR EQUIPMENT AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS. THE RSO'S SHOULD CONSULT CHIEF, DIVISION OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 6, 1974, SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS ABROAD UNDER THE FY-74 TERRORIST AMENDMENT, WHICH DETAILS AND IDENTIFIES SEPARATE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SY AND THE REGIONAL BUREAUS FOR EQUIPMENT AND FUNDING. REQUESTS FOR SY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS LOCKING DEVICES, ALARMS AND CCTVS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE RTC HONG KONG WHICH WILL IN TURN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FORWARDING THE EQUIPMENT TO THE REQUESTING POST OR REDIRECTING REQUESTS FOR SUPPLIES TO WASHINGTON IN SOME CASES FOR DIRECT SHIPMENT TO THE POST FROM SY/T.

3. AT THIS TIME AND FOR THE PROJECTED NEXT SIX MONTHS, WITH INCREASING DEMANDS, THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL OFFICERS AND SEABEES IN THE RTC, EAST ASIAN AREA. THE RSS HAS REQUESTED SUPPORT FOR THIS TYPE OF EXPERTISE FROM WASHINGTON AND CONTINGENT UPON THEIR RESPONSE LIES THE SOLUTION TO THE SPEED AND THE PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING SOME OF THE DEFENSIVE PLANNING OF THE RSO'S AND THE POSTS. HOWEVER, THE SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL OFFICERS AND SEABEES IS NOT A VALID REASON FOR THE RSOS TO PROCRASTINATE IN PREPARING THE PHYSICAL DEFENSES IN THE EMBASSIES, CONSULATES AND ANNEXES. IT IS VISUALIZED THAT THE SECURITY OFFICERS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSIES AND THE EMBASSIES' LOCAL CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE ESTIMATES ON MATERIALS AND COSTS. SY HAS ALREADY SUPPLIED INFORMATION ON COSTS OF LEXGARD AND SHEET ALUMINUM. LOCALLY PROCURED MATERIALS, WOOD, GLASS, STEEL AND OTHER LOCALLY AVAILABLE MATERIAL CAN BE ESTIMATED BY THE GSO AND LOCAL CONTRACTORS.

4. SECURITY OFFICERS ARE PRESUMED TO BE FAMILAR WITH THE BASIS CONCEPTS AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF ALARM SYSTEMS, CCTVS AND LOCKING DEVICES THAT ARE UTILIZED IN PHYSICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY DEFENSE SYSTEMS. IF THERE ARE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WHICH ARE NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE RECALL BY RSO'S, THEY CAN BE RESEARCHED FROM LITATURE AND INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED TO THE RSOS IN THE PAST. IF UNCERTAINTIES CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY THE RSO AT THE POST, HE SHOULD TELEGRAPHICALLY QUERRY RTC, HONG KONG OR SY/T WASHINGTON FOR ANSWERS TO THESE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, BUT IT IS INADVISABLE TO DEFER SUCH PLANNING UNTIL A QUALIFIED TECHNICAL OFFICER

OR A SEABEE BECOME AVAILABLE AT THE POST FOR THE BASIS CONSULTATIONS. IN SHORT, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE RSO DOES NOT DEFER THIS OVER-ALL PLANNING UNTIL THE AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL OFFICERS AND/OR SEABEES.

5. TO DEFER THIS PLANNING WILL OBVIOUSLY DELAY ANY POSITIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEFENSES FOR AT LEAST FOUR TO SIX MONTHS SINCE THE RTC CANNOT RESPOND TO THE PRESENT DEMANDS. SEABEES AND ENGINEERS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE RTC HONG KONG WILL BE HEAVILY ENGAGED IN SUPPORTING VIP TRIPS, RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL INSTALLATIONS OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THOSE RSO'S WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR PLAN AND HAVE MOVED FORWARD TO THE INSTALLATION PHASES OF THEIR DEFENSIVE SYSTEM. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE RTC TO SERVICE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, BASIS.

6. THE RSS AGAIN RECOMMENDS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL RSO'S DEVELOP A PHASED PLANNING CONCEPT THAT WILL IMMEDIATELY ACCOMPLISH THOSE OBJECTIVES INVOLVING EQUIPMENT THAT THE SECURITY ORGANIZATION HAS IN STOCK OR CAN IMMEDIATELY PROCURE, I.E., ALARMS, CCTVS AND LOCKING DEVICES.

7. THEN SECOND PHASE PLANNING SHOULD EXPEND THOSE FUNDS THAT THE EMBASSY CAN AFFORD ON LOW COST IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS STRENGTHENING DOORS AND ERECTING LESS EXPENSIVE BARRIERS, GRILLS, ETC. DEFER ONLY THOSE HIGH COST PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE DEPARTMENTAL RESOLUTIONS ON FUNDING.

8. THE RSS WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT ON CONSULTATION NOV. 9 THRU 14. IF THE RSO'S OR ADMIN OFFICERS HAVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH THE RSS HAS SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF DO NOT HESITATE TO SEND SPECIFIC QUERRIES TO KNAUF'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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